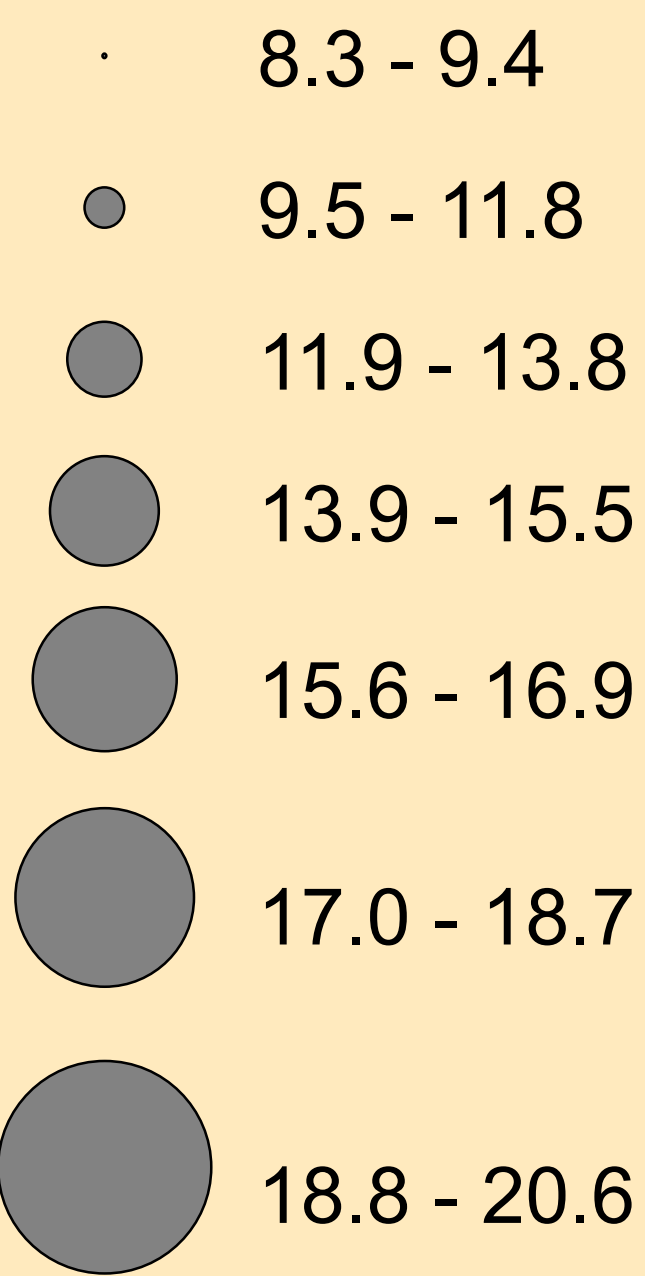
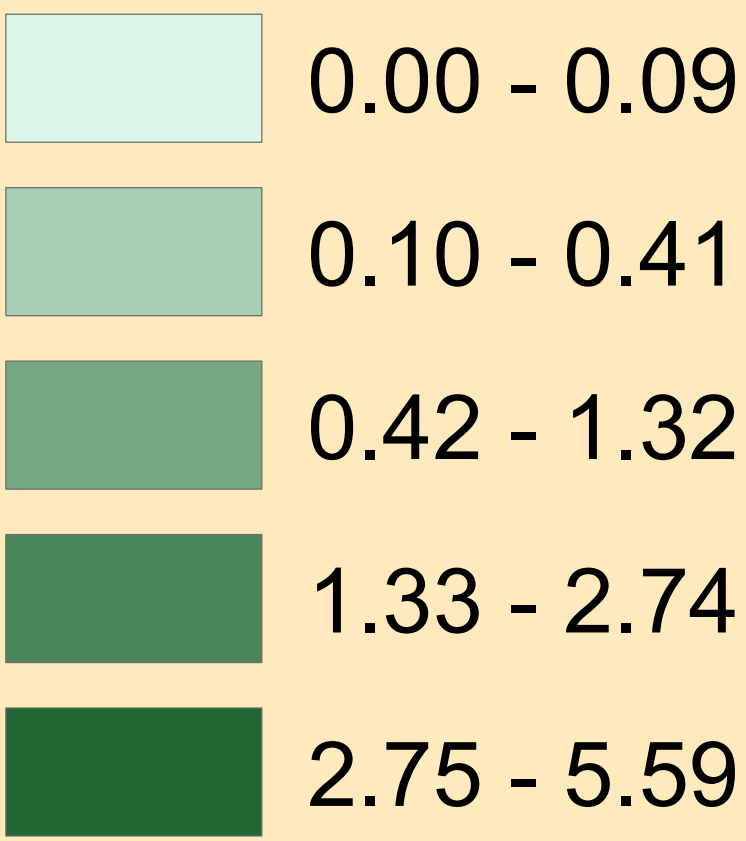


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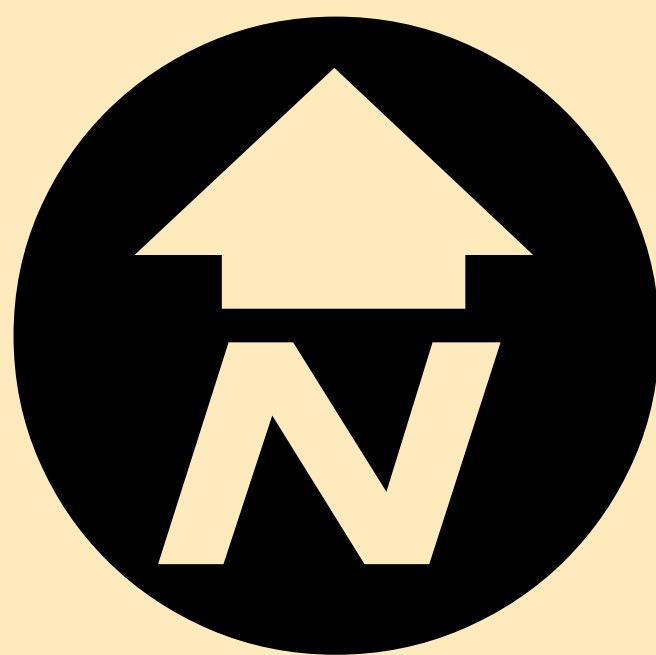
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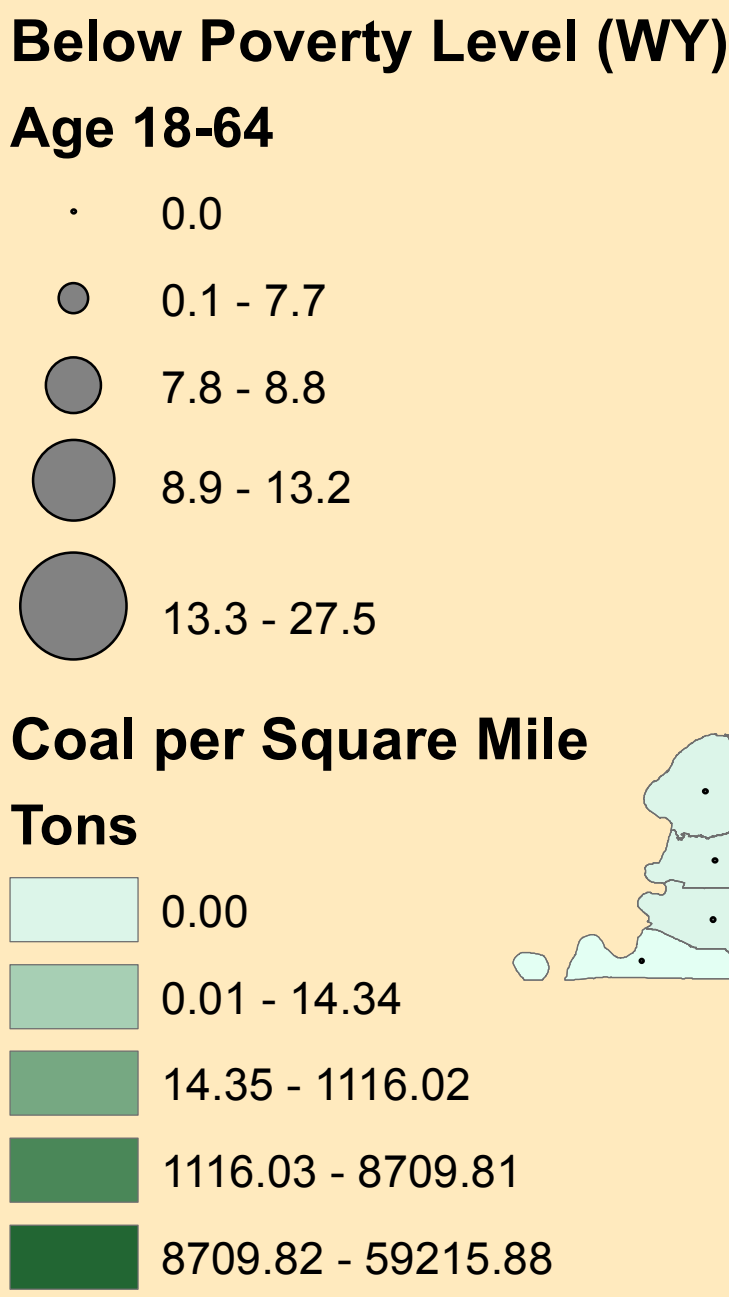
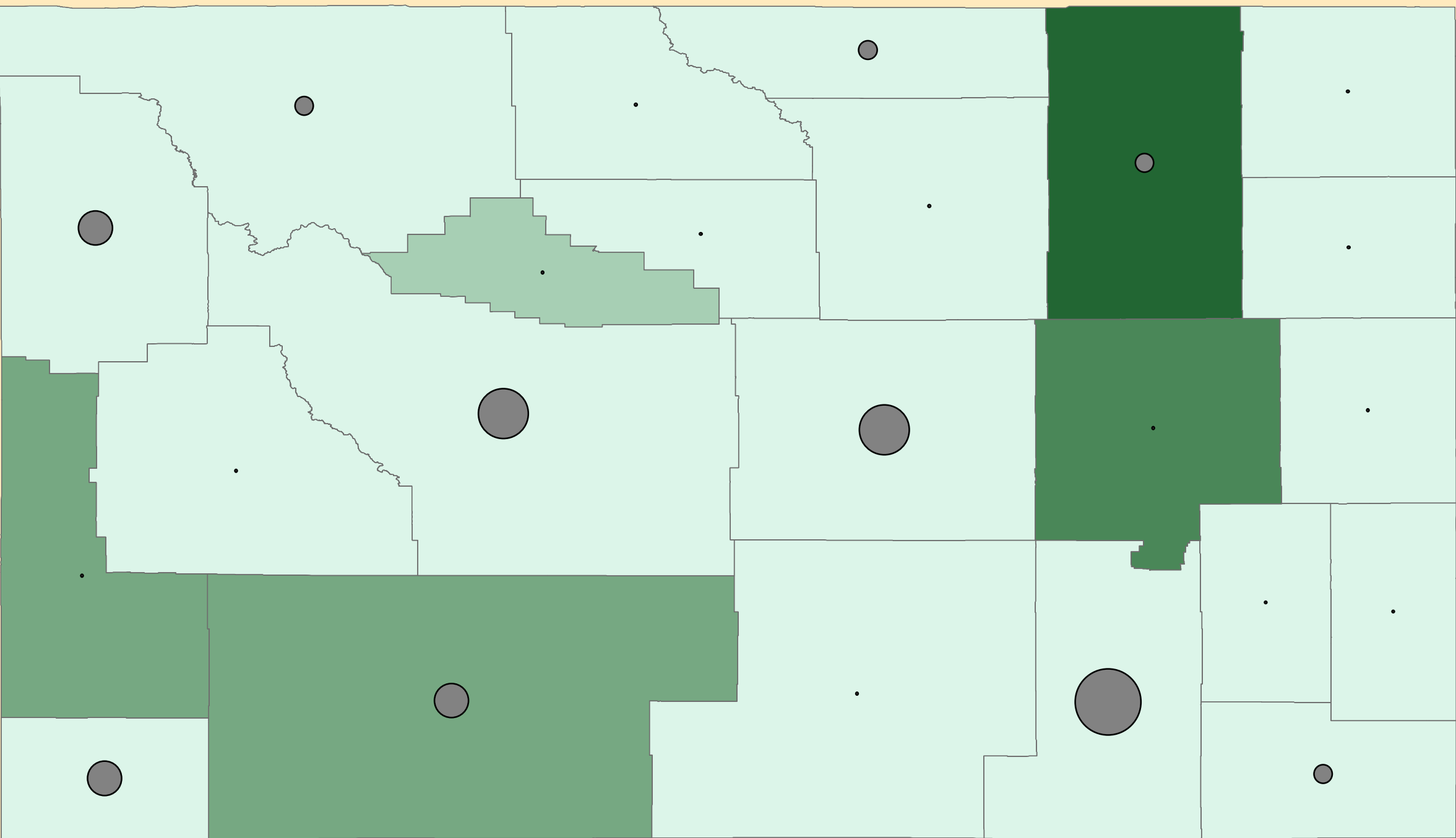
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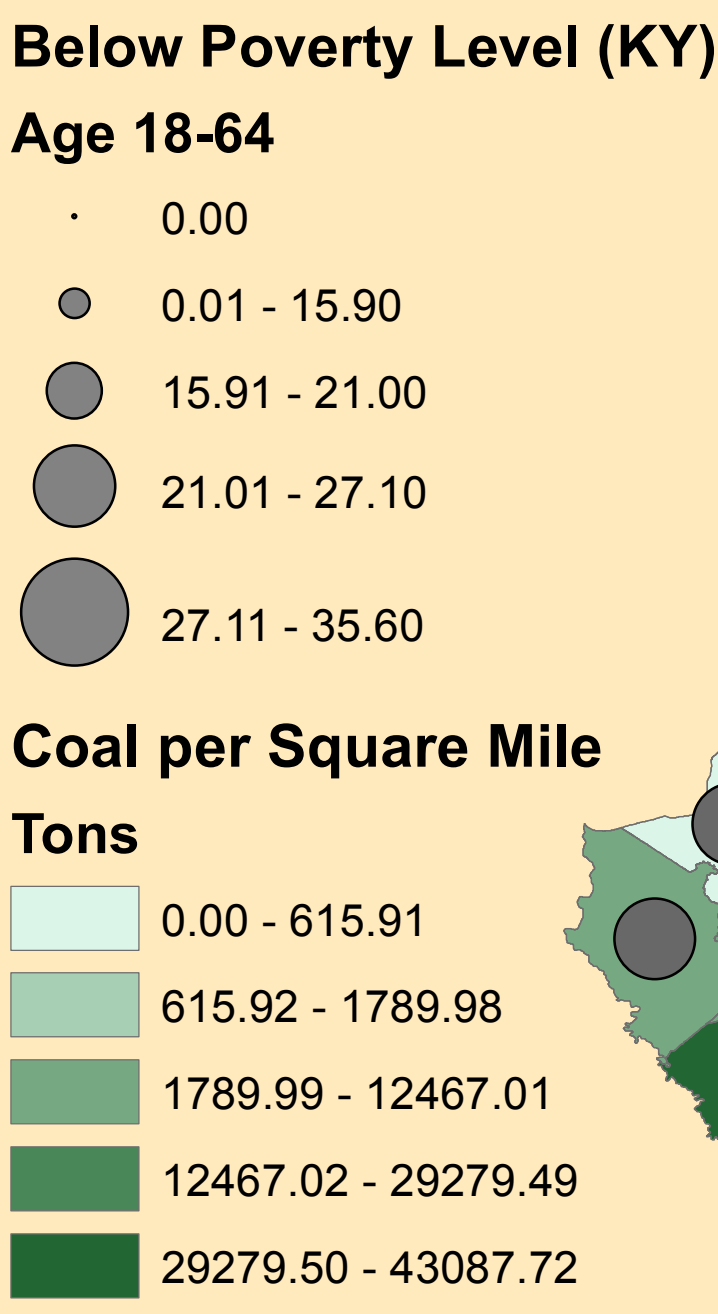
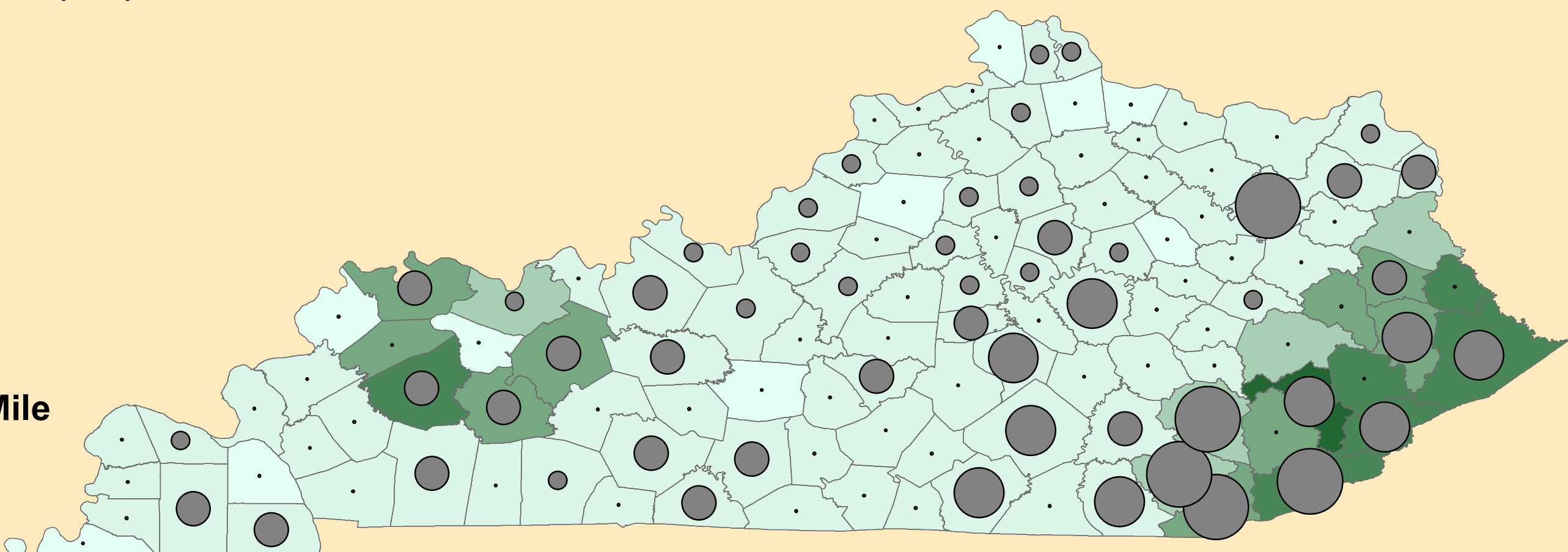
The presence of poverty within regions that produce high levels of coal has existed for almost as long as the industry has extracted the mineral from the earth. In 2011, the three largest coal producing regions in the United States (Kentucky, Wyoming, and West Virginia) reflect large numbers of persons between the ages of 18-64 living below the federally recognize standards of poverty. However, the state of Wyoming is the nations leader in coal production and it has a significantly smaller correlation between mining and poverty and may serve as a potential model for combating poverty in coal mining regions.



Wyoming



Kentucky



West Virginia

